

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 70366

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: IMAGING DEVICE

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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TITLE: Optical system for use in recording and reading information on an optical information medium

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Abstract Text - ABTX (1):

An optical system for recording and reading information on an optical information medium such as a video disk, a mini disk, a magneto-optical disk, and a phase change disk. The optical system includes: a light source for irradiating the optical information medium with a light beam through a coupling lens and a objective lens; the coupling lens which is a spherical single lens; and the objective lens which is a double-sided aspherical lens and provided movable along an optical axis of the light source; in which the light source is located between the coupling lens and a focal point, at a side of the light source, of the coupling lens. The optical system defines the number of a numerical aperture on the side of the optical information medium, and a lateral magnification ratio of the optical system.

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (34):

An optical system for recording and reading information according to the present invention comprises at least a first spherical single lens which is a coupling lens 3, and a second double-sided aspherical lens which is an objective lens 2, numbered from a light source 4 side as shown in FIG. 1. The light source is positioned in the coupling lens side with respect to a focal point on the light source side. The objective lens can be moved along the optical axis for focusing which is one of its several functions, and satisfies the following conditions.

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (55):

However, in the case where the lateral magnification ratio  $m_{sub.c}$  is zero, that is, the composition of the optical system is near that of the optical system shown in FIG. 2(a), the coupling lens composed of a spherical lens can not maintain the performance of the optical system, and therefore, it is required that the coupling lens is composed of an aspherical lens or two spherical lenses, resulting in the excessive cost.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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